

Plans for building questioned

Questions have been forwarded to the Johannesburg mayor's office to find out what plans are in place to address problems at the old restaurant building in Rhodes Park.

Councillor Carol Milner, ward 66, said that there is barely anything left of the building.

"The Johannesburg Property Company (JPC) wanted to issue a tender. According to what I heard, people who take over the building will have to fix it up at their own cost and pay the city R10 000 a month. Who would want to do that? Also, no one would want to

take over a building with no security of a long-term lease. People want to know that they are secure, especially when they invest so much in a property," said Cllr Milner.

Last week Cllr Milner sent a list of questions to the mayor, Cllr Amos Masondo, to be answered at the next council meeting. These included what the cost of the damage is, if any money was recovered from the previous owner of the building and if the JPC is committed to resolving issues with the building.

The EXPRESS previously reported, in the January 26 edition, that the I Love

Kensington Association (ILKA) was waiting to see what was to become of the building.

Members of the association hoped that the building would be taken over and fixed.

They were concerned about the vandalism of the building as well as people staying on the premises illegally.

The previous tenants apparently left while owing the city thousands of Rands for services rendered.

All that remains of the building is broken down walls, ripped floors and empty window frames.

